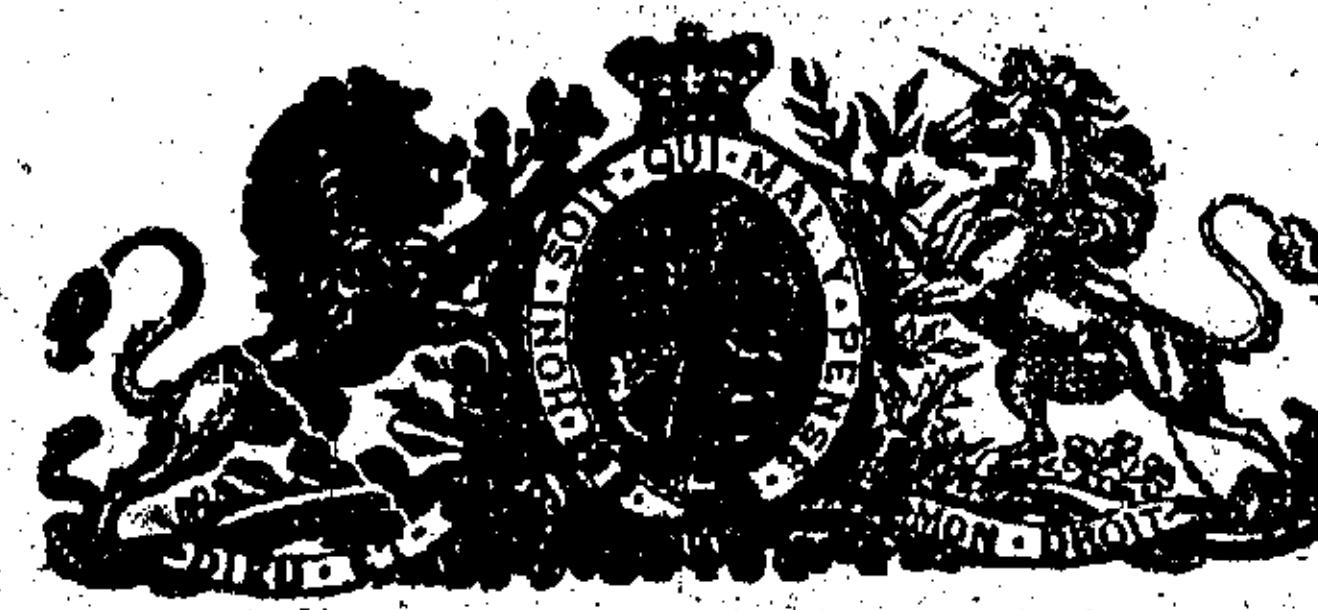


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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, \$1,400,000 Dollars.

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INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 12 " 5 per cent. "

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, August 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

THE AGENCY of this BANK at Foochow will be CLOSED and WITHDRAWN from 1st July next.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS and FIXED DEPOSIT RECEIPTS will be PAID OFF AT ONCE with Interest to Date, or transferred to this Branch at the Exchange of the Day at the option of Constituents.

GEO. O. SCOTT, p. Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, May 28, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPT DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £300,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Bregere, PARIS.

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THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.

" 6 " 4% "

" 12 " 5% "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

CHARTERED MERCHANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 3 " 2 per cent. "

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000. RESERVE FUND, £160,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership heretofore existing between the Undersigned, under the Firm name of W. B. SPRATT & Co. has been THIS DAY dissolved by mutual consent, Mr J. M. EMANUEL retiring.

W. B. SPRATT. J. M. EMANUEL.

THE Business of the above Firm will be CONTINUED as before under the Firm name of W. B. SPRATT & Co., of the COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS, who will collect all Accounts and pay all Demands against the late Firm.

W. B. SPRATT.

Hongkong, September 9, 1879.

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from the Colony Mr ERNEST VAUGHAN WETTON will CONDUCT my BUSINESS, for which purpose he holds authority to SIGN my name.

R. G. ALFORD, Surveyor, &c.

16, Queen's Road Central, 1st August, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO., Peddar's Wharf, &c.

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER

AND COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS intrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE JULES MUMM & CO.'S CHAMPAGNE in Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

FOR SALE.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSPARD, Dry CHAMPAGNE (England) in Cases of 12, 1 doz. Quarts, 2 " Pints.

Apply to

SANDER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, August 18, 1879.

For Sale.

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE JUST RECEIVED,

LARGE ASSORTMENT of CLOCK-WORK TOYS,

FLOATING DOLLS, INDIA RUBBER BALLS,

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A NEW Stock of FRENCH NOVELS.

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JOURS.

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HILL'S MANUAL OF BUSINESS

FORMS.

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BANGBO'S HISTORY OF UNITED

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Complete Set SCOTT'S WAVERLEY

NOVELS, very cheap.

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Complete Editions TENNYSON'S POEMS.

VILLA GARDENING.

Small Size REPP NOTE PAPERS.

QUILL PENS and NIBS.

STAMP ALBUMS.

New AMERICAN CITHORN.

GENERAL GRANT'S TRAVELS

ROUND THE WORLD.

Hongkong, September 9, 1879.

FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s

CHAMPAGNE,

awarded the

GOLD MEDAL at the PARIS EXHIBITION.

DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX:

Quarts.....\$17 per Case of 1 doz.

Pints.....\$18 " of 2 doz.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1879.

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned offers for SALE at

moderate Prices, an Invoice of

PRESERVED MEATS from the SYDNEY

PRESERVED MEAT COMPANY,

Comprising: Boiled Beef and Mutton, Corned Beef and Soup and Bouillon in 6-lb. Tins, Ox-tongues, Spiced, Corned and Seasoned Beef, Roast and Corned Mutton, Sheep-tongues, Real Turtle Soup, Assorted Soups, Sheep's-head, Compressed Meats, Brawn and Ox-tongues, etc., in 2-lb. Tins And,

A Small Invoice of Superior Red and White AUSTRALIAN GROWN WINE, viz.: MURRAY VALLEY and WYNDHAM WINES, comprising: Tokay, Verdelho, Muscat, Claret, Madeira, Sheraz, Riesling Burgundy, Hermitage, Fineau in Quarts and Pints.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

KEROSINE OIL landed and stored in FIRST-CLASS GODDOWNS constructed expressly for the purpose.

For Terms, apply to RUSSELL & CO., Hongkong, August 26, 1879.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.

THE EXCHANGE ROOMS in MARINE House, Queen's Road Central, are Open Daily for the use of MEMBERS from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Special Days—TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, from 12 to 12.30 and 4 to 4.30 p.m.

Applications for admission as Members to be addressed to

E. GEORGE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, June 18, 1879.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for Hongkong and China for the Sale of their LEAD by the MICHIGAN MINING SOCIETY.

MEYER & CO.
Hongkong, June 27, 1879.

Notices to Consignees

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Venice* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
Hongkong, September 5, 1879.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamer *Japan*, Captain GARDNER, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

D. SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, September 5, 1879.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Hindostan*, Captain McCONNELL, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees are hereby informed that the General Cargo will be landed by, and into the Godowns of the Undersigned at Wanchai, whence delivery can be obtained on and after the 7th Inst.

Goods remaining in Godowns after the 11th Inst. will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Agents.
Hongkong, September 6, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Peiho.

S. 1 parcel Samples, from M (in diamond) Shanghai. Means Tate & Co., 1 parcel Tea Musters, from Shanghai.

Ex Iraouaddi.

W. F. S. (in diamond) No. 38, 1 case Woolens, from London. J. M. H. (in diamond) No. 39, 1 case Hosiery, from U'don.

M. E. 1 cask Wine, from Marseilles.

P. B. 1 cask Brandy, from Marseilles. Rev. F. Sainz, 1 parcel Relics, from Marcellas.

G. DE CRAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, September 10, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

NORMAN COURT, British barque, Capt. J. L. Dunn—O. & O. S. S. Co.

ALEXANDER YEATS, Canadian ship, Capt. J. W. Dunham—P. & O. S. N. Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY, TAIWANFOO & TAMSUI.

The Steamship "ALBAY", Capt. F. Ashton, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 13th Inst., at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.
Hongkong, September 11, 1879.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 10, *Paladin*, British steamer, 897, Geo. Parker, Saigon Sept. 5, Rice—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

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11, *Olympic*, for Saigon.
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11, *Chop-chung*, Chinese gunboat, for a cruise.
11, *Belgic*, for Yokohama and San Francisco.
11, *Hindostan*, for Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.
11, *Namoa*, for Coast Ports.
11, *Fleensburg*, for Newchwang.

CLEARED.

1. M. Simpson, for Guam.
Wing Hing, for Haiphong.
Prosperity, for Bangkok.
Diomed, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per *Paladin*, from Saigon, 167 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Numoa*, for Swatow, Mr F. Kraug.
Per *Bellona*, for Haiphong, 35 Chinese.
Per *Olympia*, for Saigon, 260 Chinese.
Per *Belgic*, for Yokohama, 2 Chinese, 2 Japanese, and 2 Indian; for San Francisco, 162 Chinese, and 1 European.
Per *Hindostan*, for Singapore, &c., 3 Deck, and 300 Chinese.
Per *Huay Yuen*, for Shanghai, 50 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Paladin* reports: Moderate with variable winds throughout. The British barque *Claro Babuyan* reports: From Newchwang as far as Shanghai winds southerly and squally, remainder of passage easterly and N.E. winds and fine weather.

CARGO.

Per American ship *Vigilant*, Hongkong to San Francisco, sailed 4th September, 1879—1,000 bales Hemp, 29,827 bags Rice, 500 bags Beans, 146 bags Coffees, 66 bags Pepper, 117 bags Sago, 78 bags Tapioca, 20 bags Cloves, 710 pkgs. Soy, 520 boxes Oil, 560 pkgs. Sundries, 182 pkgs. Paper, 284 pkgs. Rootflour, 96 pkgs. Dry Lychees, 90 pkgs. Tobacco, 20 pkgs. Rat-tans, 68 pkgs. Matting, 23 pkgs. Medicine, 40 pkgs. Preserves, 1,800 Empty Quick-silver Flasks, 578 pkgs. Fire Crackers, 8,700 pkgs. Tea (Foothow Oolong), 302 pkgs. China Sugar Refining Co., 68% prem. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874, nominal Do. of 1877, do.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, September 11, 1879.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 29.930
Do. 1 P.M. ... 29.874
Do. 4 P.M. ... 29.870
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 85
Do. 1 P.M. ... 87
Do. 4 P.M. ... 82
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 80
Do. Do. 1 P.M. ... 81
Do. Do. 4 P.M. ... 80
Do. Maximum ... 87
Do. Minimum over night 79

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.

Left. Name. From.

Feb. 22, Grossfurst Constantine, Hamburg

Apr. 8, Leon, Liverpool

26, Twilight, New York

27, Homewood, Penarh

May, 5, Alexander, Liverpool

11, Southern Cross, Glamorganshire

23, Joseph Hayden, Cardiff

31, Newcastle, Antwerp

June, 3, Adolph, Cuxhaven

6, Harrington, Flushing

12, Belle of Oregon, Cardiff

12, Pampero, Antwerp

23, Joachim Christino, Cardiff

27, Pym, Antwerp

July, 3, Undine, Cardiff

8, Glenrae, Antwerp

16, Aurora, Hamburg

19, Comus, Glasgow

21, Scindia (s.), London

24, Belated Will, London

24, Primros, Penarh

25, York Town, Penarh

29, John Nicholson, Cardiff

30, Ajax (s.), Liverpool

MEWS FOR TO-MORROW.

Tenders Close.

Tenders for Repairs of *Anna Bertha*, will be received by Captain or Agents at Noon.

Auction.

2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at Mr G. R. Lammet's Sales Room.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, September 13.—

3 p.m.—*Albay* leaves for Amoy, &c.

9 p.m.—Meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618 S.C.

SUNDAY, September 15.—

9 p.m.—Meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618 S.C.

TUESDAY, September 16.—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Cal and Europe.

6 p.m.—Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Cricket Club.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Perserverance Lodge.

WEDNESDAY, September 17.—

3 p.m.—*Verde* and *Japan* leave for Singapore, &c.

THURSDAY, September 18.—

Noon.—Auction of Valuable Building Lot.

TUESDAY, September 2.—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Cal and Europe.

WEDNESDAY, October 1.—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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Hongkong, September 11, 1879.

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MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

another agreeing to use their influence to exclude Chinamen from towns. The *Los Angeles Express*, California, says:

Whoever thinks that the Chinese question will not form a cardinal issue in the approaching campaign is greatly mistaken. The people of California are dreadfully in earnest on this important subject. They mean not only to exhaust the powers of the State to suppress the overshadowing evil, but also to have the solid sentiment of the State carry its full weight of influence into Congress to attack the evil by Federal legislation. The time for debate on the evil itself has passed. There is not one man in the hundred on this coast who has not fully made up his mind on the subject.

The way in which telegrams get mixed up may be gathered from the following advice published in the Nagasaki paper:—"London, August 28th.—Carey retains the Bank near to Cetewayo's kraal on the north of the Black Umvoclo River." And the same telegram as published elsewhere:—"Lieutenant Carey retains his rank. Cetewayo has established his kraal to the north of the Black Umvoclo where he has only a small following."

Hedges & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 30th August:—

Arrivals During the Week.—Aug. 23, Douglas, from Hongkong; 23, Bremen, from Hongkong; 26, Helsing, from Shanghai; 26, Dilpusund, from Shanghai; 27, Kwang Tung, from Hongkong; 28, Bremen, from Newchwang; 28, Ulysses, from Shanghai; 28, Europe, from Shanghai.

Departures During the Week.—Aug. 23, Europe, for Shanghai; 24, R. M. Hayward, for Tientsin; 26, Brisbane, for Colonies; 26, Douglas, for Hongkong; 26, Maid of Judah, for Sydney; 28, Wandering Minstrel, for Tientsin.

Shipping in Port.—Irazo, Cella, Kilnarney, Helsing, Dilpusund, Kwang Tung, Bremen, Ulysses, Europe.

The general prospects of trade, says the *Calcutta Statesman* of Aug. 18, are not improving. At the present moment there are nearly sixty thousand tons of disengaged shipping in our harbour. It is possible that the new arrangement between America and Germany as to the introduction of a bi-metallic standard may improve exchange by raising the price of silver, and this in turn would doubtless give our export trade a start, although we look to our coming harvest for more help in this way. The only article of export which seems to be progressing is opium, and it is, of course, removed from the operations of general trade laws. The results of the last five sales of Bengal opium, and of four-months' past duty on Bombay opium, are an increase of Rs. 14,37,700 of actuals over estimates, and we observe that Mr. R. Rivett-Carnac, C.I.E., the Opium Agent, North-Western Provinces, is now on tour, arranging, in terms of the order of Government, for an extension of poppy cultivation in those provinces.

The New York correspondent of the *London and China Express*, writing on a recent date, says:—

Quite an excitement took place lately in the Chinese quarter of Silver Reef Town, Utah, caused by the sudden disappearance of one of the Chinese damsels belonging to Hop Lee, and valued at the high price of \$700. The woman's departure was not discovered till toward evening, when a vigorous search was immediately instituted by lantern-light, but without discovering any trace of the desired object. Bitter and deep were the malefactions of the Chinamen as they returned from their unsuccessful search. The search, however, was not abandoned, and next morning the stage was closely inspected as it passed through Chinatown to see whether the missing property was on board, but not a Chinaman was to be found on the stage. Matters were getting desperate; no trace had been discovered of the girl, and for once the cunning Chinamen found themselves baffled.

A brilliant idea struck Hop—he would advertise his loss, and offer a reward to any one returning the woman. Wending his way to the office of the *Silver Reef Miner*, he gave an advertisement which read about as follows:—"Chinawoman slab leab camp, you sase? You put in papah that may pay \$50 and no questions asked anybody bring her back; me no care, Injung, nigger, white man, pay 'em \$50." Shortly after, however, some boys got track of the Chinaman, who had secreted herself in a house at the lower end of Main-street, and watching their chance captured, and carried her down to Chinatown to her master, demanding a hundred dollars for their prize. The Chinaman refused to pay out that amount, and as the boys refused to give the woman up for less Hop Lee started up town and made a complaint to the sheriff in the following style:—"I say I pay \$50; they want \$100; I no pay 'em—I say take the gel. In papah office I say I give \$50 to nigger, Injung, white man bring my woman back; fellah want to get rich all at once. You come 'long." On arriving at Hop's domicile the woman's captors were still there, keeping the Chinamen from taking possession of the disputed property by a free display of six-shooters. A compromise was soon effected, however, which resulted in the Chinaman paying over \$50 and the Chinawoman being returned to her owner—to be again the victim of one of the most debasing and cruel systems of slavery that ever disgraced the lowest form of civilization.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE
To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Sept. 11.

SIR.—Is there any difference between the basis on which the Fire Brigade Volunteers and the Hongkong Volunteers are formed? In my humble opinion the only difference, if there be any, is that the former have much harder work to perform than the latter. Next, I would ask, is the Government right in not showing any consideration whatever towards the Brigade Volunteers while every possible consideration is extended to the Hongkong Volunteers.

Mr. Johnson asked his Lordship to fix Monday, the 29th, for the final discharge of the bankrupt.

SUPREME COURT. IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before His Lordship the Chief Justice.)

Thursday, September 11.

In the matter of CONRAD MONRO DUNN, a Bankrupt.

This was an adjourned public sitting for the above-named bankrupt to pass his last examination and make application for his discharge.

Mr. Johnson appeared for the bankrupt, who was present; Mr. Wotton appeared for the creditors. The bankrupt was last before the Court on April 10th.

The Official Assignee (Mr. Plunket) said he had received certain accounts from the administrator of the estate at Shanghai, which he had laid before His Lordship.

His Lordship said he had seen the accounts and letter.

The Bankrupt was then called and sworn.

C. M. Dunner, partner in the firm of Pastan & Co. in Shanghai, said he had written to the Administrator at Shanghai at the same time as Mr. Plunket wrote.

He did not file the account received by Mr. Plunket, because it gives an entirely wrong idea of the state of affairs. He could not explain his transactions by it.

He could not make head or tail of it. The books were kept in the Shanghai firm by double entry, and he could not therefore explain his transactions by the account as now to hand. Mr. Plunket had the account since he received it.

Bankrupt now put in the account to be on the files of the Court, although, as his Lordship said, it was probably valueless.

Mr. Plunket had no questions to ask, and, in reply to his Lordship, said he consented to the Bankrupt passing his final examination.

In reply to the Court, the Bankrupt said the liabilities of the Hongkong firm, including the secured creditors, amounted to \$300,000 according to the schedule that had been filed.

His Lordship: And what are the liabilities of the Shanghai firm?

Mr. Donner: I cannot say.

His Lordship: Have you no idea?

Mr. Donner: None.

His Lordship: Are they \$10,000.

Mr. Donner: \$10,000?

Mr. Donner: They are more likely to be than \$10,000.

His Lordship: Or \$200,000?

Witness: They might be \$200,000.

His Lordship: This is a nice state of things. A man comes up for his final examination and does not know to \$100,000 what his liabilities are. Not that it is so much your fault, Mr. Donner, as in some other cases. It happened that you were here, and do not know how things stand. It is one of those accidents of trade.

In answer to his Lordship, Mr. Donner said he did not believe the liabilities of the firm would be over \$200,000. How much they might be he could not say.

His Lordship remarked there was then no more to be said on the subject.

Mr. Plunket: Then, your Lordship, is the bankrupt discharged?

His Lordship: You as official assignee do not object to his discharge?

Mr. Plunket: No, my Lord.

His Lordship: Before I address myself to this particular case I shall quote what appeared in a London newspaper concerning certain proceedings before that learned man, Mr. Daniel, Q.C., Judge of the Leeds Bankruptcy Court. It was in the matter of John M'Lellan, Inn-keeper, late of the Albion Court Inn, Bridgegate, for whose discharge Mr. Middleton, barrister, instructed by Mr. Tennant, appealed:

"At a general meeting of the creditors held on the 7th May, although there was no dividend, the creditors, feeling that the failure was due to causes for which the debtor was not responsible, the holder of the bill of sale having swept off every farthing of property, unanimously passed a resolution in favour of the debtor having his discharge. Mr. Middleton now applied for the bankrupt's discharge.

The Judge said:—I have no discretion, if creditors choose to believe that black is white, I have nothing to do with it. How many creditors are there?

Mr. Middleton: Eighty.

His Honour: What are the debts?

Mr. Middleton: £4054.

His Honour: What are the assets?

Mr. Middleton: Nil.

His Honour: The debts are over £4,000 and the assets are nil; and the creditors unanimously pass this resolution, that I should grant the debtor his discharge. Commercial men have sunk to that depth that the public ought not to complain of the administration in bankruptcy. This is one of the cases referred to in table 8 of the Controller's report where it is set forth that there are 132 estates showing an indebtedness of £270,000 which have not produced a single farthing in bankruptcy."

So that it will be seen that the same sketchy state of things exists in England under what has been thought an improvement of our ordinance, and that in point of fact the bankrupt can get through without any examination whatever. In this case the creditors have not even chosen to prove, and they have not any right to think that the Court will protect those who will not protect themselves. It is my duty to pass the final examination of the bankrupt; and I must say I think the circumstances in this case render it a case better than some others. I must let the petitioner pass his final examination, but I do hope that it is monstrous that this Court should administer what is called justice where the public will not come forward to claim their rights.

Mr. Johnson asked his Lordship to fix Monday, the 29th, for the final discharge of the bankrupt.

Order made accordingly.

IN THE MATTER OF W. G. E. VON PUSTAV, A BANKRUPT.

In this case Mr. Johnson (of Messrs. Sharp, Toller and Johnson) appeared for the bankrupt, and Mr. Wotton, from Mr. Brewster's office, for the official assignee.

Mr. Wotton said there had been some communication from Hamburg; the official assignee had had some letters.

His Lordship: I have seen the letter.

Mr. Wotton had to suggest that the creditors should have an opportunity of meeting and considering whether it would be advisable to transfer the whole estate to Hamburg to be dealt with there or to transfer the Hamburg estate to be dealt with here.

His Lordship said this course would involve a very great deal of international bankruptcy law.

Plaintiff answered in the negative.

His Lordship gave judgement for plaintiff with costs, interest, as per agreement, to be

allowed on the loan up to date of judgment, after that date interest at the rate of 12 per cent.

GR MUI AND ONS. v. HO TI HU, FOR ADMINISTRATION.—This case was heard on Tuesday, when it was allowed to stand over as, it appeared that Mr. Stephens had been misled by a misdescription of the parties in the summons, and it was, on that account, advisable that he should receive further instructions from his client. Mr. Denny's for the complainants; Mr. Stephens for the defendant.

The case was again adjourned till Tuesday next, at 2.30 p.m.; meantime the junk will be worked by Mr. Stephens' client, and a proportion of the earnings be used in maintaining the children. An order was given by His Lordship that the children remain under their present guardianship, and he also made a suggestion to the effect that Mr. Stephens should advise his client to withdraw the charge at the Police Court against Mr. Dunn's clients. Mr. Stephens said he would do so; if his client objected he would withdraw from the case.

His Lordship: The form in the case is a very improper and unsuitable one for this Colony; still that is the law and it must be observed. It makes it extremely difficult in many cases to prove a claim.

Mr. Wotton: But the creditors may assemble and express their views as to what should be done?

His Lordship: They may assemble and instruct you any way they please. Then you as their mouth-piece may say what their wishes are; or they may come here and express their wishes.

Mr. Wotton: An advertisement may be put in the papers and the views of the meeting held before the Official Assignee, may be placed before your Lordship?

His Lordship: A meeting of the creditors may be convened, to be held before the Official Assignee, to consider whether this Court should be petitioned to accept the responsibility of undertaking the whole working here of the German estate as well as the Hongkong claims &c., or, instead of that, should let the whole affair be conducted in Hamburg. If you can satisfy my conscience that I could send it to Hamburg, I should certainly do so.

Mr. Plunket stated that, in addition to the official letter from Hamburg which he had already shown His Lordship, he had a letter from Mr. Pustav himself, in which he enclosed a circular, copy of which he believed had been sent to all the creditors.

Mr. Pustav stated in his letter that he had been adjudicated a bankrupt at Hamburg.

(Letter—see, handed in for the information of His Lordship.)

His Lordship: What are the assets?

Mr. Plunket: Some \$12,000.

His Lordship: And the liabilities, \$415,00?

Mr. Wotton: More than that, my Lord. They have been stated at close upon a million.

His Lordship: Well; \$12,000 assets and \$1,000,000 liabilities. Why, that's a splendid dividend as things go here.

Mr. Wotton: Is your Lordship willing to give permission for this meeting to be called?

His Lordship: Quite. But my impression is we will have a very great deal of difficulty in this case.

Mr. Wotton: After ascertaining the views of the creditors, I would be able to lay something definite before the Court.

His Lordship: Let me suggest one difficulty. We will have German creditors to deal with; they come under German law; we have to consider the German law with regard to each one of these debts. Now, where am I, are you aware, to find what authority will give me—the German law on these points. I have no right to read it; I have to take it from a book. I have no right, were I the most accomplished German jurist, to use what knowledge of the German law I have. I have no right to read it; I have to take it from someone who is before me. That was laid down very clearly in the case of Drummond v. Drummond; I think that was the name of the case; a celebrated marriage case, in which Lord Eldaray, took it up himself, being a very good Scotch lawyer, to apply the Scotch law he knew to the case before him; and it was held that he had no right to do so.

After some further conversation, his Lordship said he would authorise the Official Assignee to call a meeting of the creditors before him to consider the question. He instructed Mr. Wotton to call the meeting to him (His Lordship), if they had the slightest intention of bringing the case before him, where or how he was to obtain the slightest knowledge judicially of what the law was that was to rule this case really was. He thought they would be too much frightened to let the case come before him; they would not have confidence in him.

The case was postponed on the understanding that a meeting would be convened forthwith.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour the Acting Puisne Judge.)

J. J. Francis, Esq.

Thursday, September 11.

CHUN SHU v. KO HONG CHAN, \$1,000.—Mr. Denny's for plaintiff. Defendant absent. This was a claim on a promissory note for \$1,000.

Chun Asing, clerk to Mr. Denny, stated that defendant in this case is a broker. He saw him this morning and told him if he could not pay the \$100 he promised, he must come to the Court to-day at 11 o'clock.

Defendant said he was ashamed to appear, and would pay the money.

Mun Row Hing, called by Mr. Denny, stated that he was employed in a native Bank in Swatow, and knew the defendant, being employed by him in Swatow.

Witness shew a promissory note, said "defendant wrote the whole of this, and asked me to borrow \$1,000 for him, saying he would pay me in two weeks." Witness borrowed the money from a relative, the plaintiff in this case, and, acting under instructions from the defendant, paid the money to Messrs. Russell and Company in Canton, and gave defendant their receipt for the same.

Witness, asked by His Lordship whether he had received any money as payment of the loan or interest on it, said he had not.

The plaintiff was put in the box and asked by His Lordship if any money had been paid by defendant on the note, as part of the loan, or as interest on it, or if payments had been made on his behalf by defendant.

His Lordship said this course would involve a very great deal of international bankruptcy law.

Plaintiff admitted this.

His Lordship said he would consider the

ant was lying on the ground bleeding from his leg.

Defendant stated:—I bought some ducks from the hawker and passed over thirty cash as payment for them. Complainant was gambling and

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Hongkong, September 3, 1870. *sc15*



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SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
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TIONS for the YEAR ending December 31st
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Hongkong, July 24, 1870. *oc31*

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